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2. Talked with Ed McCabe at the White House indicating that apparently no provision has been made for seats for the DCI and Mrs. Dulles at the annual State of the Union Message to the Congress. Since allotment of seats in the Congress for this purpose is handled out of the White House, Mr. McCabe stated he would look into the matter and advise.

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cc: IG
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Col. Grogan

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June 24, 1960

Mr. Bryce N. Harlow
Administrative Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Harlow:

I have just returned from a 70-day trip to Japan. The Communist propaganda inroads among the Japanese are alarming. The huge sums which they are spending to capture the Japanese indicates the strategic importance of that area. As you are aware, the Japanese do not understand the full power of propaganda in the political realm, just as they fail to understand the "hidden persuasive" power of advertising in the commercial realm. The techniques of propaganda have become so advanced that the older generations, now in power, are bewildered by its effectiveness.

Just as we are advising them on the use of new self-defense equipment, so we must assist them in understanding the effective use of instruments of propaganda so the Japanese will not be completely swallowed up by the Communist line. Any impartial western observer can see that the students and labor unions are being manipulated by the Communists to serve Communist purposes, unwittingly. They do not seem to understand that if the Communists succeeds, Japan will end up the slave or satellite of Red China.

Although there seems to be considerable partisan domestic discussion in the United States investing responsibility in the unfortunate cancellation of the President's trip in Japan to the Eisenhower administration's policies, responsibility in the unfortunate cancellation is just one effect; the causes are deeper and are hinged on the actions of a previous administration.

1) POLICE

During the Occupation (1945-51) when the Owen Latimore thinking dominated the State Department policy, we emasculated the Japanese police force so they would not be effective. While the Occupation forces were in Japan, any riots or disturbances could be quelled by our large Occupation force. However, after the Occupation, restoration of powers to the Police did not accompany, resulting in the present ineffectiveness of the Police. Mr. Peter Edison's article in the New York World Telegram & Sun of June 23rd documents this point very clearly.

2) STUDENTS

In pre-war days, the number of university students was limited to what Japan's industry and official bureaucracy could comfortably absorb. Practically every student could be assured of some worthwhile job. The Occupation upset this normal pattern in the name of Democracy by opening colleges in every prefecture resulting in too many graduates for the jobs available. Even while in college, students in minor universities or the lower half of classes in the better universities are filled with a sense

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of desperation and frustration since they already know jobs will not be available for all. Thus, they are easy prey for propagandists who ask them to use their brains and energies to upset the applecart.

3) TEACHERS AND LABOR UNIONS

The Occupation encouraged formation of strong unions within labor and among the teachers. The only people who had any sort of program or any background for leadership were Leftists and consequently, we find both groups dominated by Leftists and Communists.

AMERICAN COUNCIL ON JAPAN

Former Ambassadors Grew and Castle and Minister Counsellor - Dooman foresaw the dangers to the American position and organized the American Council in Japan in 1948 with the view to opposing measures that would eventually undermine the American position in Japan. (See enclosed clip.) They succeeded in stopping other measures which the Truman Administration was trying to put into effect but the above measures were already in effect and left us a bitter heritage for which President Eisenhower paid a price in the forced cancellation of his trip.

COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA

The measures listed above, by themselves, were only the potential. No harm could come to us unless these were exploited. On October 16, 1956 after I had received word that enormous sums were being poured into Japan, I wrote the enclosed letter to Senator Knowland as I was concerned with the safety of the American position in the Far East. But because of the lack of overt show of strength and re-assurances from Pro-American Japanese who did not fully understand the dangers inherent in the situation due to the Occupation upset of balances, nor fully comprehending the new techniques of propaganda, we seem to have relaxed our guard and taken the Japanese for granted.

The cancellation of the President's trip to Japan resulting from violent mob action has caused a loss of prestige to us which is world-wide. Even though the treaty has been signed, it will have meaning only with wide-spread endorsement by the electorate during the coming election. By passively meeting intensive and emotional Communist propaganda, we cannot hope for a favorable outcome. The insurance for our wide-spread financial relationships and military position in Japan can only come through educating the Pro-West Japanese to the new techniques of propaganda and supplementing it with substantial efforts of our own, both overt and covert. Economies in our informational sources are not only the most stupid type of savings but endangers the whole fabric of our world-wide security.

The historical record shows that all the present difficulties did not stem from action taken during the Eisenhower Administration; in fact, this is too serious a matter to be used as a football for someone's political advantage. I hope that the responsible officials will be encouraged to give the maximum support to the disorganized Pro-West groups in Japan so they can mount an effective counter propaganda to the Communist's efforts and will formulate some program of vision and hope to

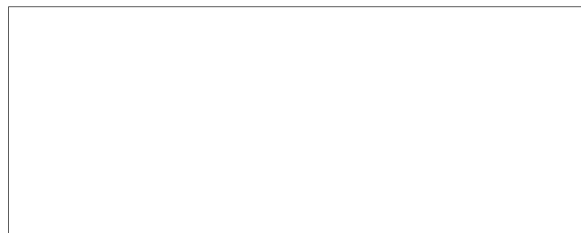
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which these students can be attracted. An immediate remedial step which needs to be taken is the return of effective enforcement power to the Police.

I have confidence that American ingenuity and imagination can find an effective answer, once a clear outline of the problem is presented. It is with this fact in mind that I am writing this letter to you for forwarding to the concerned officials.

With kindest, personal regards, I am

Yours very truly,



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